

FIRST GRADE CURRICULUM

Reading Readiness and Language Arts

- Mechanics of reading and writing
- Comprehension skills
- Initial and final consonants
- Vowels: short, long and vowel-pairs
- Consonant clusters
- Initial and final digraphs
- Word families and rhyming
- Phonograms
- Cause and effect
- Spelling: conventional and inventive
- Contractions
- Double final consonants
- Possessives
- Compound words
- Base words and endings
- Story structure
- Study skills
- Journal
- Compare and contrast
- Fantasy and Realism
- Alphabetical order
- Group stories
- Listening and speaking skills
- Parts of speech, nouns and verbs

Physical Education

To develop the physical health of all students. This is accomplished through a variety of units and activities that are different and appropriate for each grade level.

In addition to learning the importance of physical health, students develop leadership skills, a sense of fair play, and tolerance of individual skills and abilities of one another.

Mathematics

- Addition and subtraction concepts with facts to 20
- Numbers and patterns to 100
- Compare numbers using $<$ and $>$ and equal to
- Sorting data and graphing
- Adding three numbers
- Using Money: Identification and counting coins
- Geometry, simple fractions and probability
- Measurement: metric and standard, liquid and dry and temperature
- Time to hour and half-hour, calendar concepts
- Two-digit addition and subtraction without re-grouping
- Problem-solving strategy
- Algebra readiness
- Place value: ones, tens, hundreds
- Ordinal positions

Religion

- Creation
- Introduction of Holy Spirit
- Jesus as divine and human
- The church as the community of God's people
- Rules of living a life of love and the concepts of sin and forgiveness
- Sacraments as signs and celebrations of God's loving presence (especially Baptism)
- The order of the Mass
- Salvation history
- Seasons of liturgical calendar and Holy Days
- Traditional prayers: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be and Sign of the Cross
- Bible stories
- School prayer gatherings

Science

- Senses
- Living and non-living things
- Plants
- Mammals, birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles and insects
- The sky: sun, moon, stars and planets
- Weather and seasons
- Earth's resources: rocks, minerals, soil, water and air
- Caring for earth's resources
- Describe and measure matter: solids, liquids, gases

Social Studies

- Families
- Geography
- Map skills
- Natural Resources
- Caring for our earth
- Discovering how to be good citizens
- Getting along at school
- Jobs
- Economics: needs and wants; goods and services
- History of Americans long ago
- Short biographies

Art

- Painting
- 3-D projects
- Texture
- Craft projects relating to season, holiday

Music

Music is offered 2 days a week. There are Christmas and Spring Programs held each year.